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To increase the diversity of fields represented on the Local Historic District Committee, we are suggesting increasing the number from 5 to 7 members. Once this is voted, we can also vote committee appointments for the applicants whose CAFs are included. If approved the committee will be set to go.

Thank you.



TOWN OF AMHERST
COMMITTEE CHARGE

Name: AMHERST LOCAL HISTORICAL DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

Appointing authority: SB

Town code:

Type: Committee

Town bylaw: No

Number of voting members: 5- 7

Member appointment: Three (3) yrs.

Voting members to include if possible a "member from two nominees submitted by the local historical society or, in the absence thereof, by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, one member from two nominees submitted by the chapter of the American Institute of Architects covering the area, and one member from two nominees of the board of realtors, if any, covering that area" (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40C) with the remaining two from "a variety of organizations whose interests and concerns reflect those of the community."

Non-voting liaison:

Committee charge summary:

The Amherst Local Historical District Study Committee established under the provision of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 shall make an investigation and report on the historic significance of the buildings, structures, features, sites, or surroundings to be included in such proposed local historical district or districts as the committee may recommend, and shall submit a final report with its recommendations after a public hearing, together with a map of the proposed district or districts and a draft of the bylaw to Town Meeting.

The committee, once organized, shall meet with the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) then and again periodically throughout the process. The MHC and the Planning Board review the preliminary report and the by-law draft before its submission to Town Meeting.